

Board of Health Meeting
February 19, 2015
10:00 AM
Town Building

Minutes

Attendance: Marcia Rising, Chair, Member: Mary McDowell
Health Agent: Jack Wallace
Administrative Assistant: Cyndie Colosi
Also present: Susan Latham ACO

Absent: Merrily Evdokimoff, member

Minutes were reviewed from the January 22, 2015 meeting and approved.
Monthly bills and permits were signed by Chairman Rising.

10:15 AM-Appointment

Susan Latham Animal Control Officer- Susan has had trouble with the truck this winter, due to heavy snow and extreme cold , she is unable to shovel the snow off the vehicle and the doors have been frozen. She stated the only times she uses it is for picking up road kill and there hasn't been much of that this winter. She also wanted it noted that she does not feel anyone will be willing to pick up road kill.

Member Mary McDowell offered to help clean off the truck and try starting it up.

Tobacco 21 Update

Cyndie contacted Joan Hamlett of the Leominster Tobacco Alliance – Joan will attend a future board meeting to discuss updates for Tobacco regulations and how other towns stand with banned items and changing the purchasing restrictions.

Health Agent Position/ Interviews

Applications and resumes will be accepted until February 27 for the part-time Health Agent position. Interviews will be scheduled in March.

Well Regulation Revisions

Jack updated the ongoing process in the office. Staff is still working on updating the definitions and making changes. Jack feels strongly that more information is needed when properties are exchanged. He would also like to see well water analyses performed when any major upgrade or addition is done to the home. Mary McDowell would like to set a date for finalizing the well regulations. Jack said by the first week in March we should have the draft finished and ready to send out to well drillers, realtors and conservation commission for review. Then post the public hearing for the end of March. The hearing will be posted in the paper two weeks prior . Nancy Arsenault stated she would write something in the paper.

Public Health Nurse

During FY16 Budget Planning it was brought to the Board of Health's attention that the public health nurse could be under the Council on Aging. After a brief discussion Marcia Rising made a motion to

vote to keep the Public Health Nurse under the Board of Health. Mary McDowell seconded, it was unanimously decided to leave the Public Health nurse under the Board of Health department.

Agent Report

Jack updated the Board on the indoor air quality testing at the Randall Library. He reviewed the major recommendations from Mike Feeney from DPH. Some of the items have already been completed such as rug cleaning and checking the duct work. They found no major issues with the ducts. Copies of the report were handed out to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for March 26, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Well Regulations Public Hearing 7:00 PM

Approved 3/26/15